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Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 122, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force", appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/49/756 and Add.1.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/49/540/Add.2-4) and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/49/928).

3. At its 62nd, 63rd and 66th meetings, on 7, 11 and 14 July 1995, the Committee considered the item further. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.62, 63 and 66).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/49/L.63

4. At the 66th meeting, on 14 July, the representative of Ireland introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations

Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters" (A/C.5/49/L.63), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.63 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force 1/ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, pending a detailed consideration of these reports at the fiftieth regular session of the General Assembly, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolutions 727 (1992) of 8 January 1992 and 740 (1992) of 7 February 1992, in which the Council endorsed the sending of a group of military liaison officers to Yugoslavia to promote maintenance of the cease-fire,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 743 (1992) of 21 February 1992, by which the Council established the Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended its mandate,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 981 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council established the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, which is known as UNCRO, for a period terminating on 30 November 1995,

Recalling Security Council resolution 982 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina for an additional period terminating on 30 November 1995,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the

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1/ A/49/540/Add.2-4.

2/ A/49/928 and A/C.5/49/SR.63.

former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and that its mandate would continue for a period terminating on 30 November 1995,

Recalling further all the Security Council resolutions providing for an increase in the authorized strength of the United Nations Protection Force, of which the latest is resolution 998 (1995) of 16 June 1995, which authorized an increase in United Nations Peace Forces/United Nations Protection Force personnel by up to 12,500 additional troops to provide the Force with a rapid reaction capacity,

Recalling its resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 49/228 of 23 December 1994,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute to such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the Force as at 10 July 1995, including the contributions unpaid in the amount of 862.2 million United States dollars, representing 22.5 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 30 June 1995, notes that some 16 per cent of the membership has paid its assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, particularly as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which is due to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Force promptly and in full;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to utilize the Special Account established by Assembly resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992 for the recording of income and expenditures relating to the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence-Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and United Nations Peace Forces headquarters;

7. Also decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in paragraph 6 above the amount of 404,194,500 dollars gross (401,106,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1995, authorized and apportioned under the terms of General Assembly resolution 49/228;

8. Further decides to appropriate to the Special Account a total amount of 673,657,500 dollars gross (668,511,000 dollars net) for the operation of the Force for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1995;

9. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 673,657,500 dollars gross (668,511,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1995 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1995 as set out in Assembly resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994;

10. Also decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 5,146,500 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1995, inclusive;

11. Takes note of the fact that the Secretary-General has estimated that an overall level of resources for the reinforcement of the Force with a rapid reaction capacity, not to exceed 297,112,600 dollars gross (275,290,800 dollars net), will be required for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1995 and that the General Assembly will carry out a detailed consideration of all reports of the Secretary-General at its fiftieth regular session; 1/

12. Decides in the context of part IV, paragraph 3, of resolution 49/233, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the reinforcement of the Force with a rapid reaction capacity, up to the amount of

100 million dollars gross (99,569,800 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1995;

13. Also decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 100 million dollars gross (99,569,800 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1995 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1995 as set out in Assembly resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994;

14. Further decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 430,200 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1995, inclusive;

15. Takes note of the decision of the Secretary-General to establish a sub-account of the Special Account for the United Nations Protection Force for the purposes described in paragraph 15 (c) of document A/49/540/Add.4;

16. Invites voluntary contributions to the sub-account of the Special Account for the United Nations Protection Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

17. Decides to defer consideration of the treatment of the unencumbered balances arising in respect of the period from 1 July 1993 to 30 September 1994 until it has an opportunity to examine fully the reports contained in documents A/49/540/Add.2 and A/49/540/Add.3 and any update of document A/49/540/Add.3 and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at the fiftieth regular session;

18. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

19. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session an item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence-Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters".